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1. The highway from Bucharest to the Hungarian frontier is generally in good condition. It is kept in good repair and there are signs in a number of places of fairly recent renovation. The width of the highway varies from approximately 20 to 24 feet. There seems to be very little traffic on the road; only trucks and peasant carts were observed. The surface is mainly asphalt or tar-macadam, with cobbles in the towns and villages.
2. On the outskirts of Campina, about one kilometer from the town, a new road is being built, bypassing on the west side a sharp bend and a bridge on the present road.
3. South of Alba Iulia from kilometer 378 to 381 (from Bucharest) there are three kilometers of bad road. Observation was made at night, but as the railroad was seen to the east, it seems likely that this is a new unfinished road, bypassing to the west the old road. At the 380 kilometer stone there is a bridge, which appears to be new, presumably over the Mures River.
4. At Turda the road is in bad condition for a stretch of some ten kilometers from the city to the south.
5. There is a stretch of cobbled road from Poieni to a point 12 kilometers east (kilometer 534 -546 Bucharest).
6. The pass through the Apuseni Mountains is mainly cobbled, but in good condition.
7. The bridge over the Cris Repede River, just to the east of Tileagd, is guarded by security troops.
8. The road from Oradea to the Hungarian frontier is in very bad condition.

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